

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

**WORDLOGIC CORPORATION and
602531 BRITISH COLUMBIA LTD.,**

Plaintiff,

vs.

**BIG LOTS, INC. and
BIG LOTS STORES, INC.**

Defendant.

Civil Action No.: 6:22-cv-00153

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT FOR PATENT INFRINGEMENT

Plaintiffs WordLogic Corporation (“WordLogic” or “Plaintiff”) and 602531 British Columbia Ltd. (“BC”), together (the “Plaintiffs”), by and through their undersigned attorney, for this original Complaint against Defendants Big Lots, Inc. and Big Lots Stores, Inc. (“Big Lots” or “Defendants”), allege, based on its own knowledge with respect to itself and its own actions and based on information and belief as to all other matters, as follows:

1.

This is an action for patent infringement arising under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*, to enjoin infringement and obtain damages from Defendant’s unauthorized manufacture, use, sale, offer to sell, and/or importation into the United States for the subsequent use or sale of products or methods that infringe one or more claims of U.S. Patent No. 7,681,124.

PARTIES

2.

Plaintiff WordLogic Corporation is a Nevada corporation having its principal place of business at 1066 W. Hastings St., Suite 2000, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X2, Canada. Plaintiff WordLogic is the parent company of Plaintiff 602531 British Columbia Ltd.

3.

Plaintiff 602531 British Columbia Ltd. is a Canadian limited liability company with a principal place of business at 1066 W. Hastings St., Suite 2000, Vancouver, BC V6E 3X2, Canada. Plaintiff 602531 British Colombia Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of WordLogic and the assignee of United States Patent No. 7,681,124.

4.

Upon information and belief, Defendant Big Lots, Inc. is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio having a principal address at 4900 E Dublin Granville Rd Columbus, OH, 43081-7651. Big Lots, Inc. is the parent company to Defendant Big Lots Stores, Inc., which is also a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Ohio having a principal address at 4900 E Dublin Granville Rd Columbus, OH, 43081-7651. Defendants operate a retail Big Lots store with ongoing business located at 4905 West Waco Drive, Waco, TX 76710.

5.

Upon information and belief, Defendants may be served this Complaint by service upon its registered agent Corporation Service Company, dba CSC-Lawyers Incorporated, 211 E. 7th Street, Suite 620, Austin, TX 78701.

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

6.

This is an action for infringement of a United States patent arising under 35 U.S.C. §§ 271, 281, and 284-285, among others. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over all causes of action set forth herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1338(a) because this action arises under the patent laws of the United States, 35 U.S.C. § 1 *et seq.*

7.

Venue is proper in this judicial district and division pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1391(b) and (c) and 1400(b) in that, upon information and belief, Defendant has a local retailer within this district, at, for example, the Defendants operate a retail Big Lots store with ongoing business located at 4905 West Waco Drive, Waco, TX 76710. Defendant routinely does business within this district, Defendant has committed acts of infringement within this district, and Defendant continues to commit acts of infringement within this district.

8.

Upon information and belief, Defendant is subject to this Court's specific and general personal jurisdiction pursuant to due process and/or the Texas Long Arm Statute, due at least to Defendant's substantial business in this State and judicial district, including: (i) at least a portion of the infringements alleged herein; and/or (ii) regularly doing or soliciting business, engaging in other persistent courses of conduct, and/or deriving substantial revenue from goods and services provided to individuals in Texas and in this district.

WORDLOGIC'S ASSERTED PATENT

9.

On March 16, 2010, U.S. Patent Number 7,681,124 (“the ’124 Patent”) titled DATA ENTRY FOR PERSONAL COMPUTING DEVICES, was issued to Harold David Gunn and John Chapman. A true and correct copy of the ’124 Patent is attached to this Complaint as Exhibit 1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

10.

All rights, title, and interest in the ’124 Patent have been assigned to WordLogic and 602531 British Columbia Ltd. WordLogic has been the sole owner of the ’124 Patent since its issuance.

11.

The ’124 Patent is generally directed towards methods and systems for computer assisted data entry and text generation for input fields utilizing computing devices.

INTRODUCTION

12.

WordLogic is a global leader and innovator in the field of predictive text input technology.

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WordLogic has been developing predictive text input technology since the late 1990’s. WordLogic’s technology has been developed, utilized and licensed for use on a wide variety of devices and applications including PC’s, smart phones, tablets, websites, media players, navigational systems, and gaming consoles.

14.

WordLogic's technology has been recognized as a leader in the field predictive keyboard applications by various news outlets including Market Wired™ and NBC™.

15.

WordLogic's technology incorporates technology such as proprietary gesturing and WordChunking™ features to increase the productivity and effort needed to accurately input text.

16.

WordLogic's predictive keyboard application known as iKnowU® is a contextually aware predictive keyboard that makes typing easier, faster, and more accurate for mobile users. The application predicts what the user is about to type and helps complete the sentence with reduced effort. The application predicts the next most likely letters, words and phrases, which significantly reduces the number of keystrokes needed to complete the text.

COUNT I

INDIRECT INFRINGEMENT OF THE '124 PATENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 271(b)

17.

Plaintiffs incorporate by reference the allegations of Paragraphs 1-16.

18.

Defendant has directly infringed and continues to directly infringe at least one or more claims of the '124 Patent, through, among other activities, making, using, and incorporating into Defendant's website, keyboard predictive text with generated predictive text fields. Claim 19 of the '124 Patent, for example, recites:

19. A computer-readable medium comprising codes for directing a processing unit to process text entered into a personal computing device, by:

- (a) receiving and displaying a partial text entry, comprising receiving at least part of the partial text entry via a keyboard, the partial text entry comprising at least a first character;
- (b) in response to receipt of the first character of the partial text entry, obtaining a plurality of completion candidates from among a group of completion candidates, wherein each of the plurality of completion candidates includes a portion matching the partial text entry;
- (c) displaying the plurality of completion candidates in a search list within a graphical user interface;
- (d) detecting user input corresponding to selection of a particular completion candidate from among the plurality of completion candidates displayed in the search list;
- (e) modifying the display of the partial text entry to correspond to the particular completion candidate selected from among the plurality of completion candidates at least while the particular completion candidate remains selected;
- (f) detecting modification of the partial text entry by the user via the keyboard;
- (g) obtaining and displaying in the search list a modified plurality of completion candidates from among the group of completion candidates, if the partial text entry is modified via the keyboard, wherein each of the modified plurality of completion candidates includes a portion matching the partial text entry; and
- (h) obtaining and displaying in the search list a further modified plurality of completion candidates from among the group of completion candidates, if a completion candidate is accepted via the search list from the modified plurality of completion candidates, wherein each of the further modified plurality of completion candidates includes a portion matching the accepted completion candidate.

19.

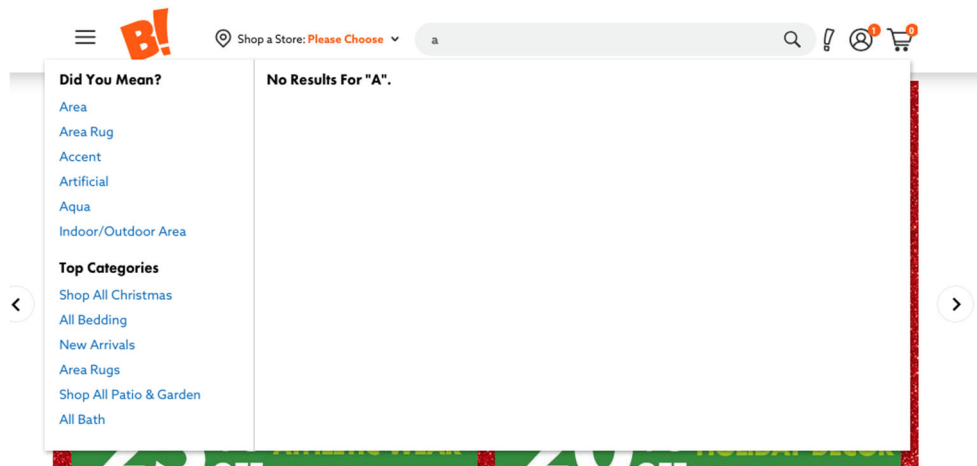
The Defendant's website (<https://www.biglots.com>) includes a predictive text search box that operates on software that directs a processing unit on how to process text that is entered in the search box from a personal computer or personal handheld computing device. The predictive text search box receives and displays text in the search box.



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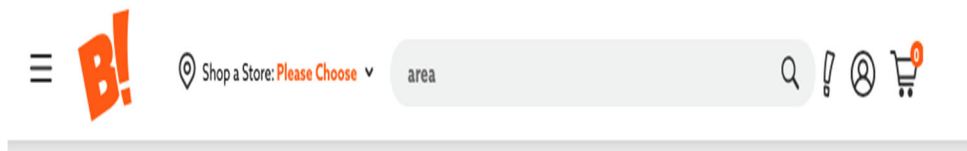
In response to the first character typed, the website obtains a plurality of completion candidates, and each completion candidate includes a portion that matches the first character typed.

For example, typing the letter “A” generates the following list of completion candidates:



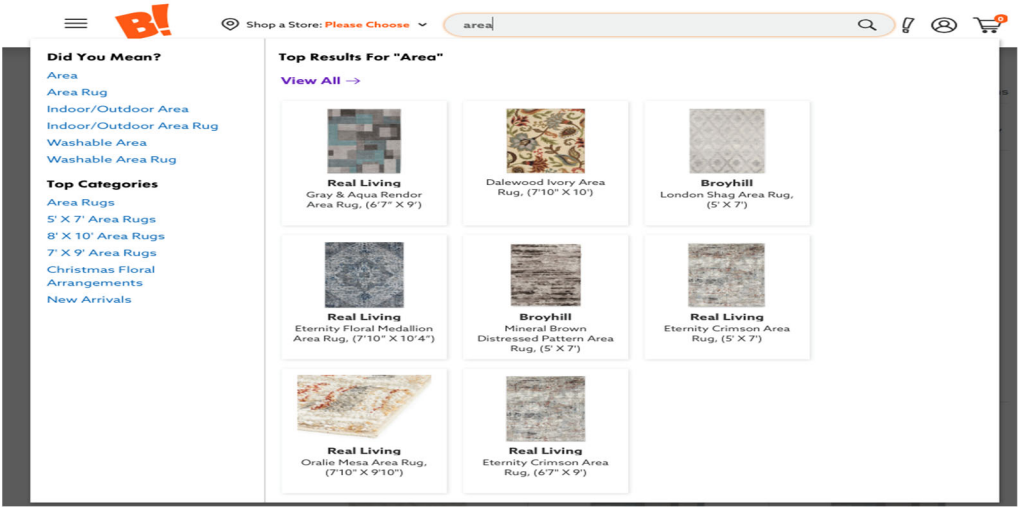
21.

The completion candidates are displayed in a search list on a computer screen or the screen of a handheld personal device. The website detects user input, namely, clicking on a particular completion candidate in the search that corresponds with selecting a particular completion candidate. For example, “area” may be selected from the search list by clicking on it.



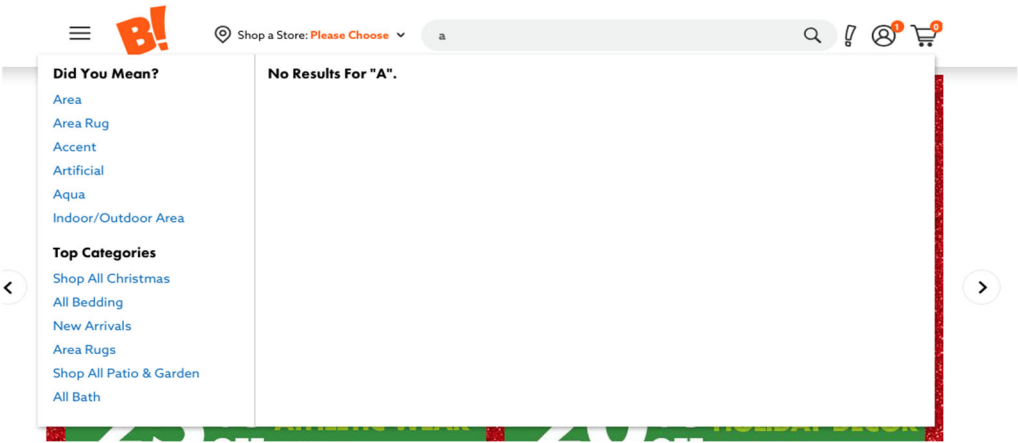
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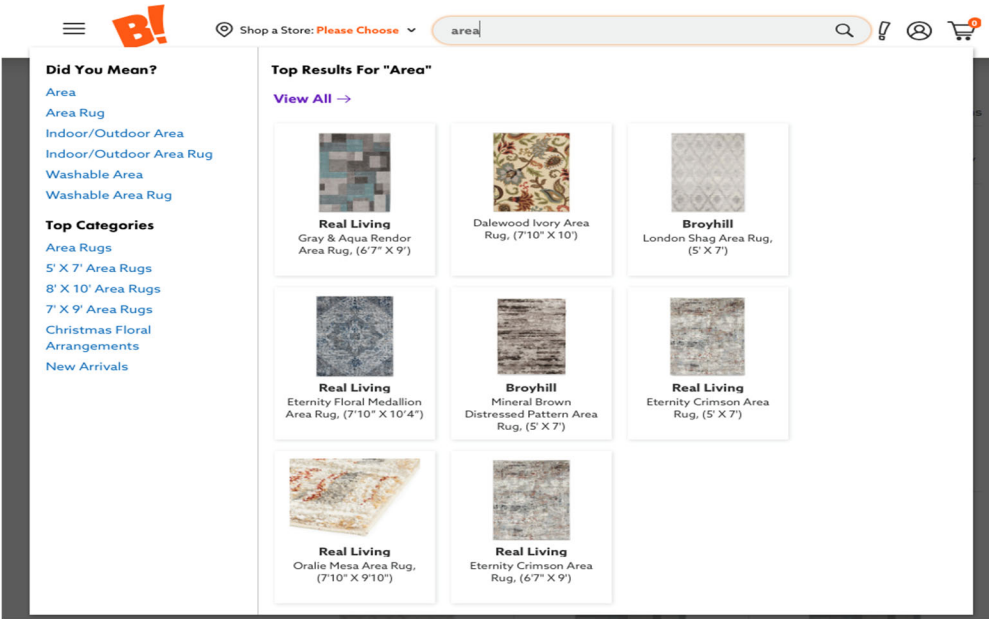
When a particular completion candidate is selected, the search term displayed in the search box is modified to match the completion candidate selected. For example, if “area” is selected from the search list, the search term displayed in the search box is modified.



23.

The website detects modification of the search term by a user via a keyboard, which may be by adding letters to the search term, or by deleting letters from the search term. Modification of the search term via a keyboard causes a new search list to be obtained and displayed. Each of the modified plurality of completion candidates in the search list includes a portion that matches the modified search term, as shown below.





24.

If one of the new completion candidates is selected from the modified search list, a further modified list of completion candidates is obtained and displayed. Each of the further modified plurality of completion candidates in the search list includes a portion that matches the selected search term. For example, if “area rug” is selected from the search list, the following list of further modified completion candidates is displayed.

Shop a Store: **Please Choose**

area rug

Did You Mean?

- [Area Rug](#)
- [Indoor/Outdoor Area Rug](#)
- [Washable Area Rug](#)
- [Area Rug 7'10"](#)
- [Area Rug 3'10"](#)
- [Abstract Area Rug](#)

Top Categories

- [Area Rugs](#)
- [5' X 7' Area Rugs](#)
- [8' X 10' Area Rugs](#)
- [7' X 9' Area Rugs](#)

Top Results For "Area Rug 7'10"

[View All](#) →

Dalewood Ivory Area Rug, (7'10" X 10')

Real Living
Orlie Mesa Area Rug,
(7'10" X 9'10")

Real Living
Olena Mesa Area Rug,
(7'10" X 9'10")

Broyhill
Natia Area Rug, (7'10" X 9'10")

Somerville Beige
Indoor/Outdoor Area Rug,
(7'10" X 10'10")

Hillside Gingham Round
Indoor/Outdoor Area Rug, (7'10")

Marine Gray Round
Indoor/Outdoor Area Rug, (7'10")

Broyhill
Castle Pines Light Gray
Indoor/Outdoor Area Rug, (7'10" X 9'10")

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs pray for relief that the Court enter judgment in their favor and against Defendant, granting the relief as follows:

A. That the Court enter judgment that one or more claims of the '124 Patent have been infringed either directly or indirectly and/or under the doctrine of equivalents, by Defendant;

B. That Defendant be ordered to pay damages adequate to compensate Plaintiffs for its acts of infringement, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 284;

C. That Plaintiffs be awarded increased damages under 35 U.S.C. § 284 due to Defendant's willful infringement of the '124 Patent;

D. That the Court find that this case exceptional and award Plaintiffs reasonable attorneys' fees pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 285;

E. That Defendant, its officers, agents, employees, and those acting in privity with it, be preliminarily enjoined from further infringement, contributory infringement, and/or inducing infringement of the patent-in-suit, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283;

F. That Defendant, its officers, agents, employees, and those acting in privity with it, be permanently enjoined from further infringement, contributory infringement, and/or inducing infringement of the patent-in-suit, pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 283;

G. That Defendant be ordered to pay prejudgment and post-judgment interest;

H. That Defendant be ordered to pay all costs associated with this action; and

I. That Plaintiffs be granted such other and additional relief as the Court deems just, equitable, and proper.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 38(b), Plaintiffs demand a jury trial on all issues justiciable by a jury.

This 11th day of **February, 2022.**

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